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SECURITY CONCERN OVER ALLOTMENT OF SPECTRUM
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a difference of opinion between Ministry of Defence and Ministry of Communications and Information Technology on the issue of vacating spectrum and a group of Ministers has been set up to deal with the differences;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government proposes to get vacated spectrum from Defence sector so as to provide it to the Private Companies;

(d) if so, details thereof;

(e) whether the necessities and terms and conditions of the Defence Department has been fulfilled; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD)

(a) to (d) A Group of Ministers (GoM) has been set up for "vacation of spectrum and raising resources for the purpose". The spectrum vacated by Defence would be used for the growth of mobile telecom services.

(e) & (f) As per the recommendations of the Project Definition Team (PDT) in the Ministry of Defence including representative of Department of Telecommunications, an Optical Fiber Cable (OFC) based network has been taken up for release of spectrum in GSM and 3G frequency bands.